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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Honorable Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated September 29, 2004 in the above-captioned application, applicants respond as follows. In the Office Action, the Examiner has indicated restriction to one of the following inventions is required under 35 USC 121: Group I comprising claims 1-26 and Group II comprising claims 27-28. Applicants elect, without traverse, claims 1-26 of Group I for prosecution on the merits. Applicants reserve the right to file a divisional application or take such other appropriate measures as they deem necessary to protect the invention of Group II.

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Since the applicant has fully and completely responded to the Examiner's Action, and has made the required election, it is submitted that the application is now in condition for favorable consideration on the merits.

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